

isn't that right, Senator Wehrbein, that were sold last year, and most of those were forced sale?

PRESIDENT: Time is up.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Your time has expired, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: And you are off the hook but only temporarily, Senator Johnson.

PRESIDENT: Saved by the bell. Senator Rogers, please, then Senator Moore.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. President and members, really, you know, this isn't any laughing matter, but...and I strongly urge for the adoption of LR 249. I guess it comes back to the same thing. Senator Johnson maybe hadn't mentioned it in some his testimony today, but it's literally impossible to use market value. I think you've all heard this several times, but there are no land sales out there and yet he just mentioned what my assessor does so I won't have to tell it. I was going to mention how our assessor does some of the commercial buildings in our county and it is on income stream and they have no other way to do it, so I can see no way why it's not fair to do that on ag land. Also, I think Senator Wesely made comment that the market is so volatile, that on income it would be the same way. Well, I think he knows that if the formula does change, if income does become greater for ag land, then we'll be assessed at a higher value, so I don't think it has any bearing whether the income goes up or the income goes down. It will be reflected on how they assess our farm land because that is built into the formula. I think the percent is, I'm not sure if it changes over 5 percent in any given year then the manual would be rewrote, so I strongly urge for the adoption of 249 because this is what the people of Nebraska thought they had done a few years ago. I don't think just because the State Supreme Court doesn't seem to agree with what the voters of the state thought they had done, let's pass this and have it in language so that they understand what we mean and we'll go on flying wonderful.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Moore, then Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I, too, rise to support LR 249. This legislative resolution is actually a problem that the members of this body have inherited because of